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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed on **January 1, 2006**, and the Advisory Action mailed on **April 7, 2006**, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page **2** of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the complete listing of claims which begins on page **3** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **10** of this paper.

The **Conclusion** is on page **15** of this paper.